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## **County Urges Residents to Take Precautions during Excessive Heat**

The National Weather Service advises that dangerous heat and humidity are likely Friday through Sunday across the entire area. Heat indices around 105 to 110 degrees are possible during the afternoon and evening hours each day. If the prolonged heat and humidity is realized, it will become a significant threat to anyone exposed to the heat for an extended period. County officials urge residents to take precautions to protect themselves and loved ones against heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/heat](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/heat) for more information.

### ***Pet Safety in Extreme Temps***

During periods of high heat, the most vulnerable are children, the elderly and pets. The staff of the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center have provided important [safety info](#) for pet owners.

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### ***You Still Have Time -- July 19<sup>th</sup>!***



## **County Launches 2019 Online Resident Survey**

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich wants residents to know the County has launched an online survey to gauge residents' assessment of their local government, its services and their quality of life. The 2019 Resident Survey was mailed to 5,000 randomly selected County households in the first week of June, and residents who did not receive the questionnaire in the mail are invited and encouraged to participate online by [clicking here](#).

***The online survey for all residents will be open until July 19 and can be taken in English, Spanish, or Chinese.***

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## **Accessory Dwelling Units**

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich presents his thoughts on proposed improvements to the Zoning Text Amendment regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

"Most of us think ADUs are a viable housing option; and I ask only that the County adopts measures that assure a clear, well-regulated program."

You can read his memo to the County Council [here](#).

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## Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration

### **MDOT SHA District 3 Major Construction Planned Lane Closure Update for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties Beginning July 19, 2019**

See the updated list of planned lane closures for utility and sidewalk work for the county by visiting  
[https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3\\_LANE\\_CLOSURES.pdf](https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3_LANE_CLOSURES.pdf)

Note: Additional work hours and lane closure times may be necessary to expedite all phases of work and to keep all projects on schedule; all work is performed weather permitting. Equipment used for construction may be disruptive. Real-time traffic information available at [www.chart.maryland.gov](http://www.chart.maryland.gov) or 1-855-466-3511 (using a hands-free device while driving).

*It's the law! Remember to Buckle Up for safety. Seatbelts save lives!*

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**Park Police Community Day**  
Friday, July 26 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Upper County Community Center  
8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg

**Face Painting – Jenga – Snow Cones – Corn Hole – Connect Four!**  
**K-9 Demonstration – Mounted Demonstration – Motor Demonstration & More!**

*The public is invited!*

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**Farm Tour and Harvest Sale**  
Saturday, July 27 & Sunday, July 28



The [Montgomery County Office of Agriculture](#) is hosting the 30th annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28. This is your opportunity to explore the farms and learn more about farming as a way of life in Montgomery County.

Learn more about the Agricultural Reserve and the Farm Tour by watching this [video](#). For more information about the participating farms and locations, check out the Farm Tour [brochure](#).

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## **Montgomery County's Upcounty Regional Office Announces Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events!**

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

**The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund** was established by Montgomery County to encourage community-building activities, capacity-building, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place during this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2020. Applying is easy. [Download](#) the application form, complete it, and submit it to Catherine Matthews, Director for the county's Upcounty Regional Office, at [upcounty.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:upcounty.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov). There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

*See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.*

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## The Montgomery Way

Montgomery County is committed to building and maintaining a safe and inclusive community for our residents. Understanding, tolerance, and respect are hallmarks of the Montgomery County way. Social justice for all is what we strive to achieve in our County. If you, or someone you know, needs immigrant assistance, visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/immigration](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/immigration).

View procedures for handling visits from immigration officers to County facilities [here](#).

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## Montgomery County's Solid Waste Transfer Station Now Accepting Credit and Debit Cards for Tipping Fees

The Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station is now accepting credit cards to pay for tipping fees. Previously, only cash and checks were accepted. The fees primarily impact commercial users with trash loads or yard waste loads of 500 pounds or more. All major credit cards will be accepted including debit cards, American Express and Apple Pay. For more information, see press release at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23311](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23311)

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## Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Board of Appeals

***Deadline to Submit an Application is Wednesday, July 31 at 5:00 pm***

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for two four-year terms on the County Board of Appeals. The second term of Stan Boyd (Democrat) will expire in September 2019, and he is not eligible to reapply. The first term of Bruce Goldensohn (Republican) also expires in September 2019, and he has indicated that he plans to reapply. Applications for the positions must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31.

Learn more at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23305&Dept=1](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23305&Dept=1)

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## Thrive Montgomery 2050



What does the future of Montgomery County look like to you? And how does the community where you live, work, and play support your vision for your future?

Thrive Montgomery 2050 is our chance to figure out – together – how Montgomery County can be a great community over the next 30 years. It's about how we respond to future opportunities and challenges in the county. Together. But first, we need to determine what we want our community to be in the decades ahead so we can create the future we want.

Through Thrive Montgomery 2050, we'll identify and examine the changes occurring, consider what we want for tomorrow, then develop a shared vision that allows us to keep what we love about Montgomery County while taking the actions needed to thrive over the next 30+ years.

The result of Thrive Montgomery 2050 will be a living and breathing plan that guides decision making and helps secure resources to ensure Montgomery County is a place where everyone can be successful, have opportunities and enjoy a high quality of life in a beautiful and resilient environment.

The plan will draw on your vision, ideas and care for your community, best practices, expert analysis, futurist thinking, and innovative responses. Together, we'll determine how to manage growth in the future and address the challenges and opportunities from technological, social, environmental and economic change.

Let's ensure a vibrant economy, equity for all residents and a healthy environment through 2050 and beyond.

Let's plan for our future. Together.

*While Thrive Week has ended, our outreach is just getting started. [View the recaps](#) from each Thrive Week event and look for more opportunities to talk to us about Thrive Montgomery 2050.*

### Our Future, Your Path.

Take the Planning Department's two-minute quiz to discover your path to a thriving future for Montgomery County.

Your responses help determine how we can best benefit from prospective opportunities and tackle the most important challenges facing our county. Let's explore how we want our community to look in the decades ahead- so we can create the future we need.

[Take the quiz](#) [Learn more](#)

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/master-plan-list/general-plans/thrive-montgomery-2050/>

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***American Red Cross Announces Emergency Need for Blood Donations***  
**Montgomery County Police to Host Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, August 7 8:00am – 1:00pm**  
**J. Thomas Manger Public Safety Headquarters**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)**  
**100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg**

The American Red Cross has issued an [emergency need for blood donors](#). Please join the Montgomery County Department of Police in giving the gift of life by donating blood on Wednesday, August 7.

Call to schedule an appointment at 1-800-733-2767. Donors are urged to schedule appointments. Walk-in donors will be accommodated.

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**Montgomery County Agricultural Fair**  
**August 9 – 17**

Farm Animals! Great Food! Carnival Rides! Vendors!  
Visit <http://mcagfair.com/general-information/> for more information.

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**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases)

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Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)